

# Red and Bonita Mine

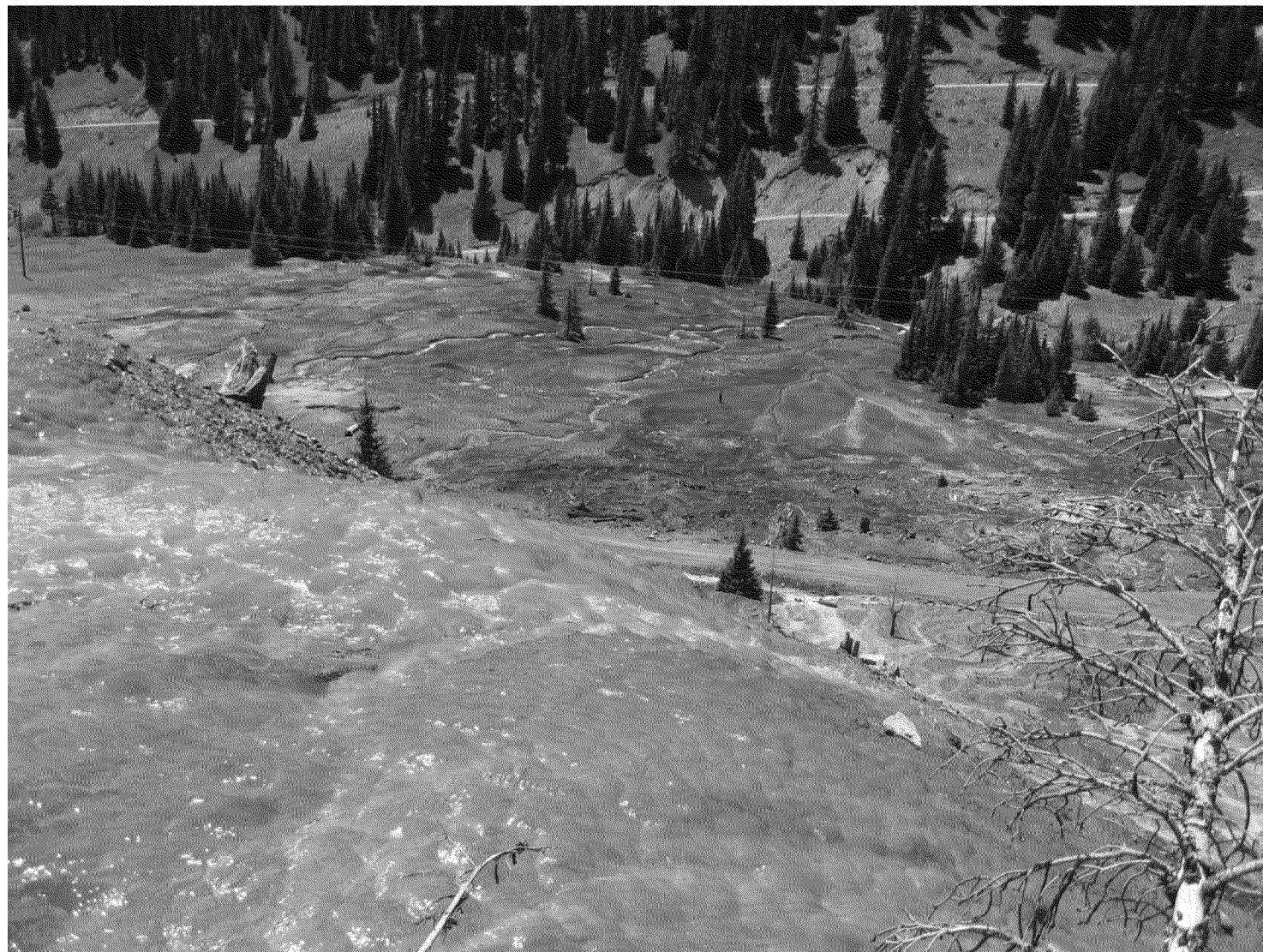
Removal Assessment Summary

February 2014

# Red and Bonita Waste Dump and Adit Flow



# R n B Mine – waste dump view to Cement Ck





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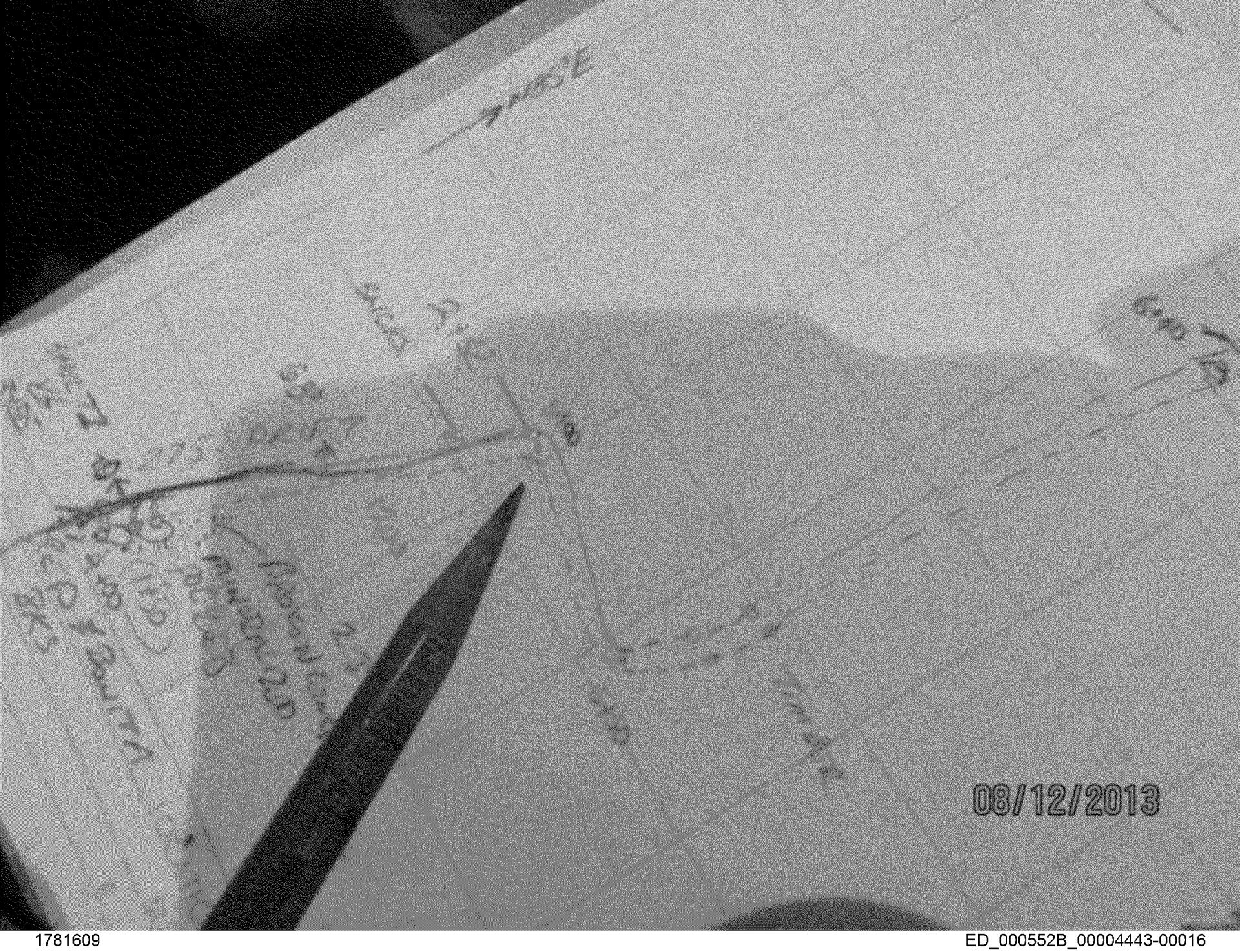
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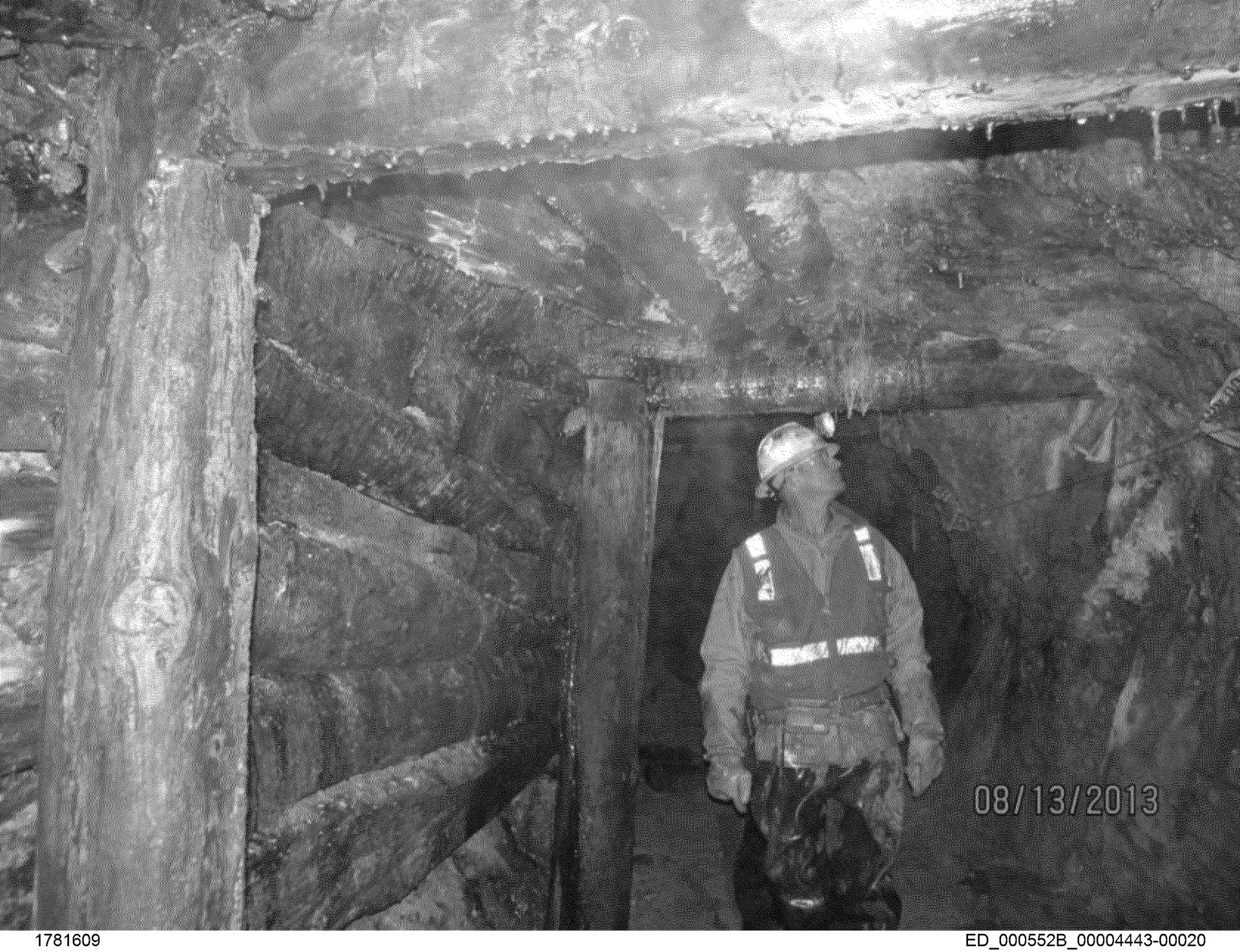
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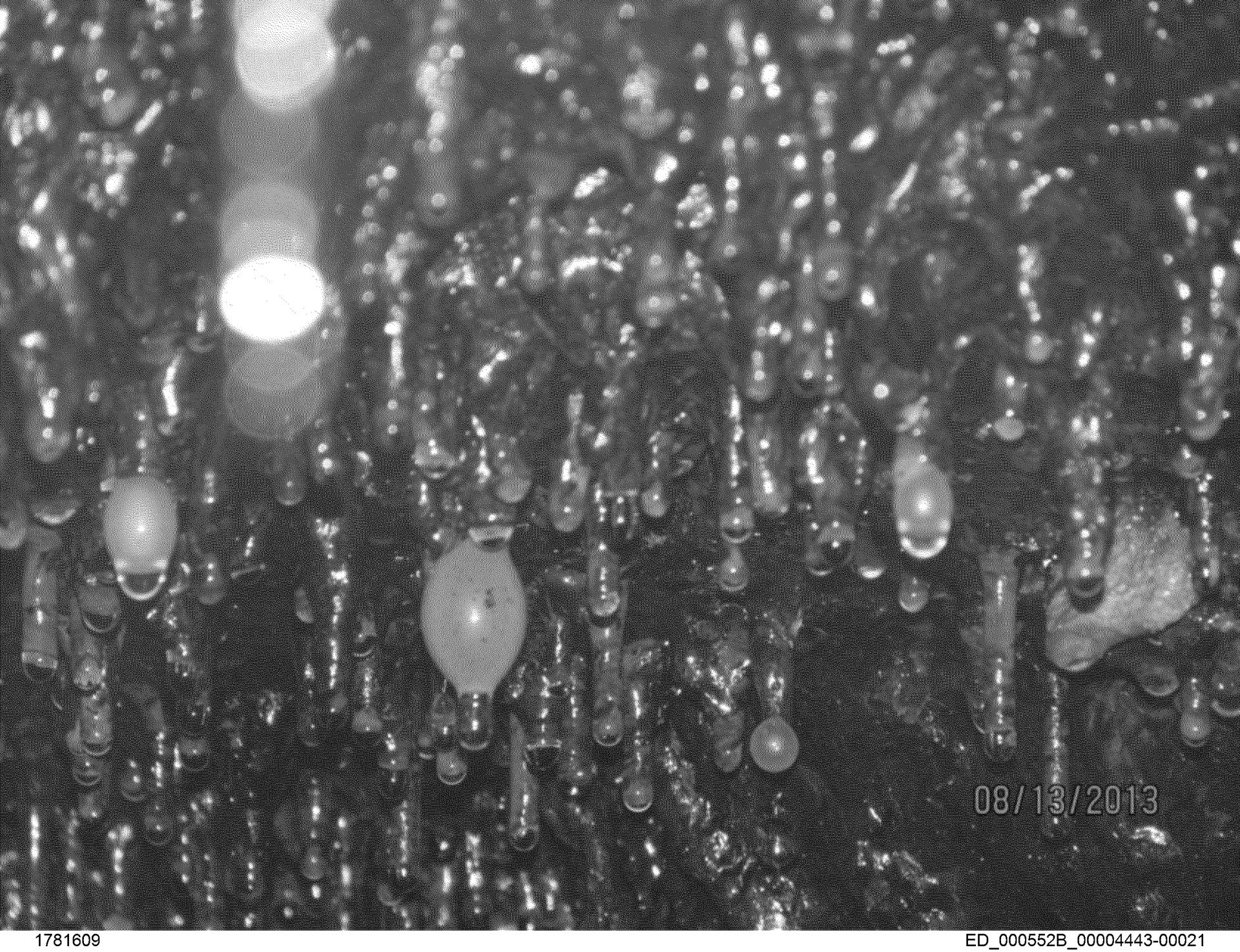
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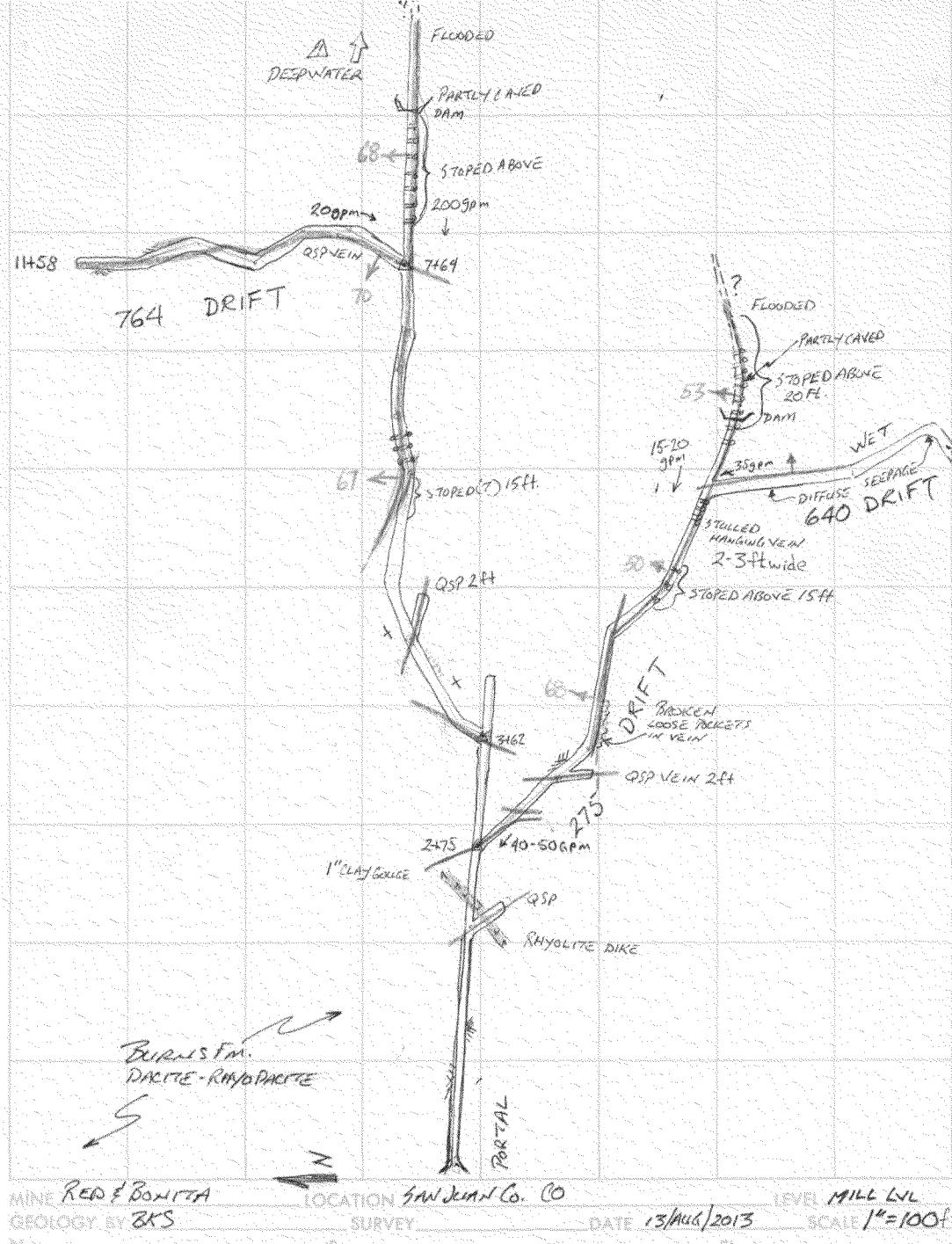
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This is a grayscale aerial photograph of a rugged landscape. A large, dark, angular structure, possibly a building or a piece of heavy machinery, sits atop a steep, rocky slope. The terrain below is covered in dense vegetation and scattered boulders. The image has a grainy texture and some vertical streaks, characteristic of older aerial photography.

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Analyte	Red & Bonita Adit Sample Location and Result ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ )							
	2+75 Drift to Right (est 40 GPM)		7+64 Stope (est 200 GPM)		7+64 Drift to left (est 20 GPM)		Portal before mine entry	
	Total	Dissolved	Total	Dissolved	Total	Dissolved	Total	Dissolved
Aluminum	11400 D	11100 D	3760 D	3430 D	399 JD	410 JD	5950 D	4840 D
Cadmium	91.6 D	92 D	20 U	20.6 JD	20 U	20 U	31.3 JD	30.5 JD
Copper	33.7 D	30.1 D	20 U	20 U	21.3 JD	20 U		
Iron	87100 D	44700 D	98700 D	75000 D	72800 D	16700 D	93300 D	90400 D
Zinc	17500 D	17400 D	17100 D	16900 D	6520 D	6350 D	15900 D	16000 D



### Upper Animas Mining District Area Overview Upper Animas River and Cement Creek, Silverton, CO



Sample Locations

Date: February 9, 2012

Mine Locations

Data Sources:  
Sample Locations: U.S. EPA Region 8 and UOS (2011)  
Mine Locations: U.S. EPA and ESAT (2012)

Rivers and Streams

Roads: Navteq (2009)

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County Boundaries: U.S. Census Bureau (2008)

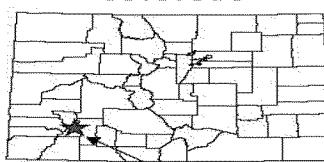
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Coordinate System/Projection:  
UTM Zone 13 North, NAD 83, Meters

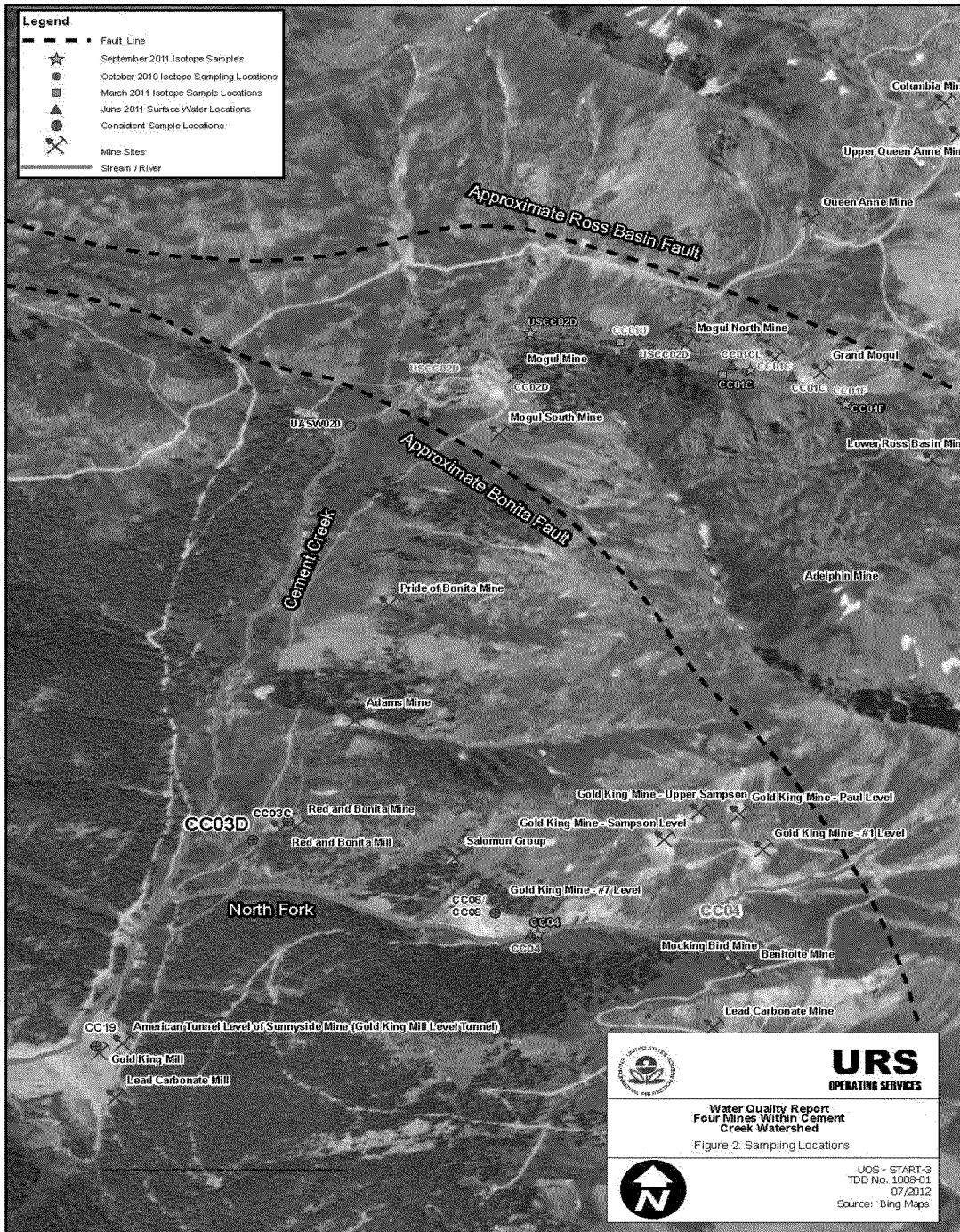
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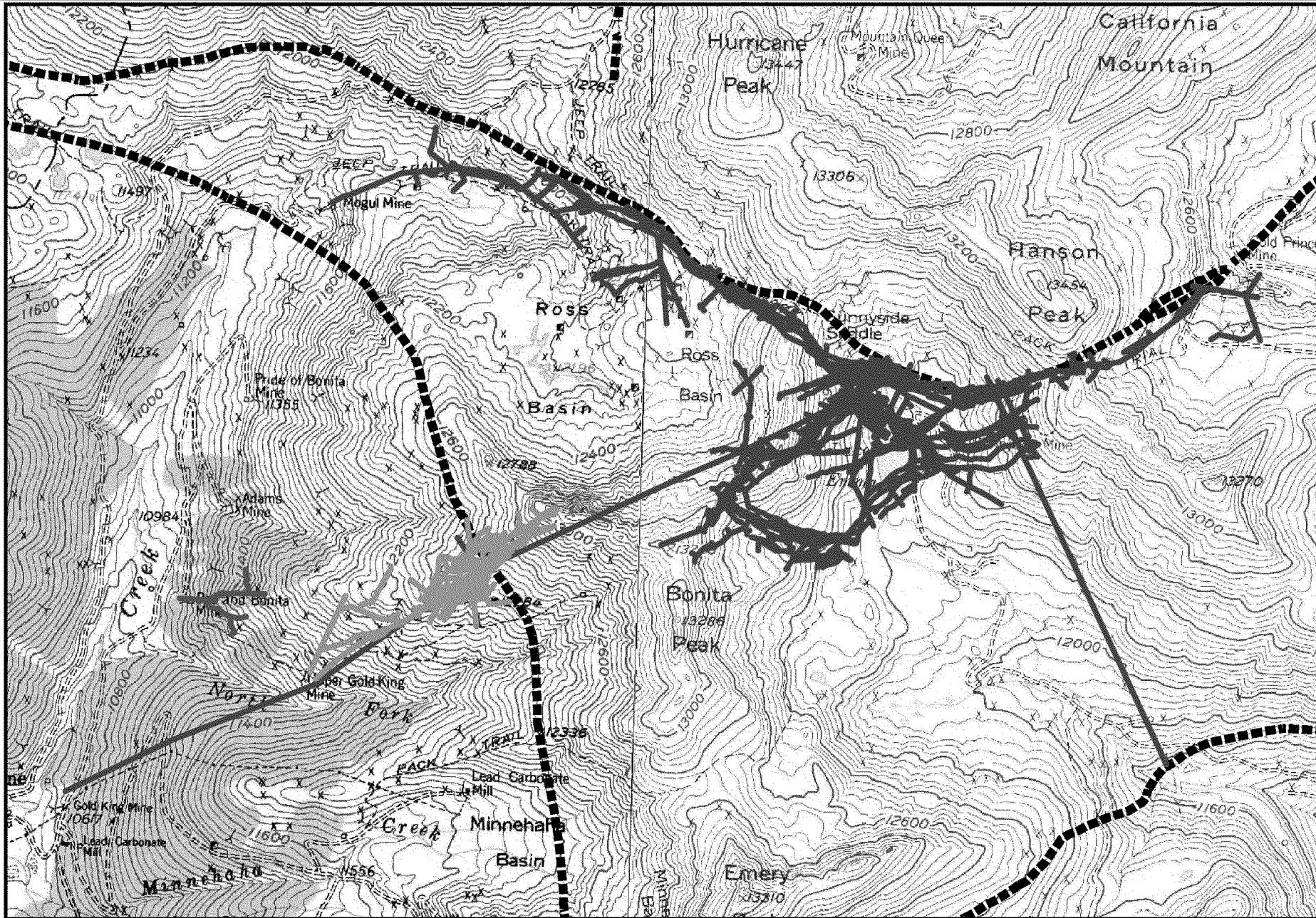


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0 0.5 1 Kilometers





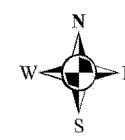
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0 625 1,250 2,500 3,750 5,000  
Feet

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**RED AND BONITA MAP**  
Mine Workings past cave-ins are only projected to line of sight  
**SUNNYSIDE WORKINGS**  
Most Recent workings, needs more work  
**GOLD KING WORKINGS**  
There is more data that needs to be added on 7 Level

**Legend**  
 — R & B Workings (Stover)  
 — GoldKing1thru7  
 — SunnysideWorkings  
 ■ USGS Mapped Faults PP 1651



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# Cement Ck – Adits 2005 to 2012

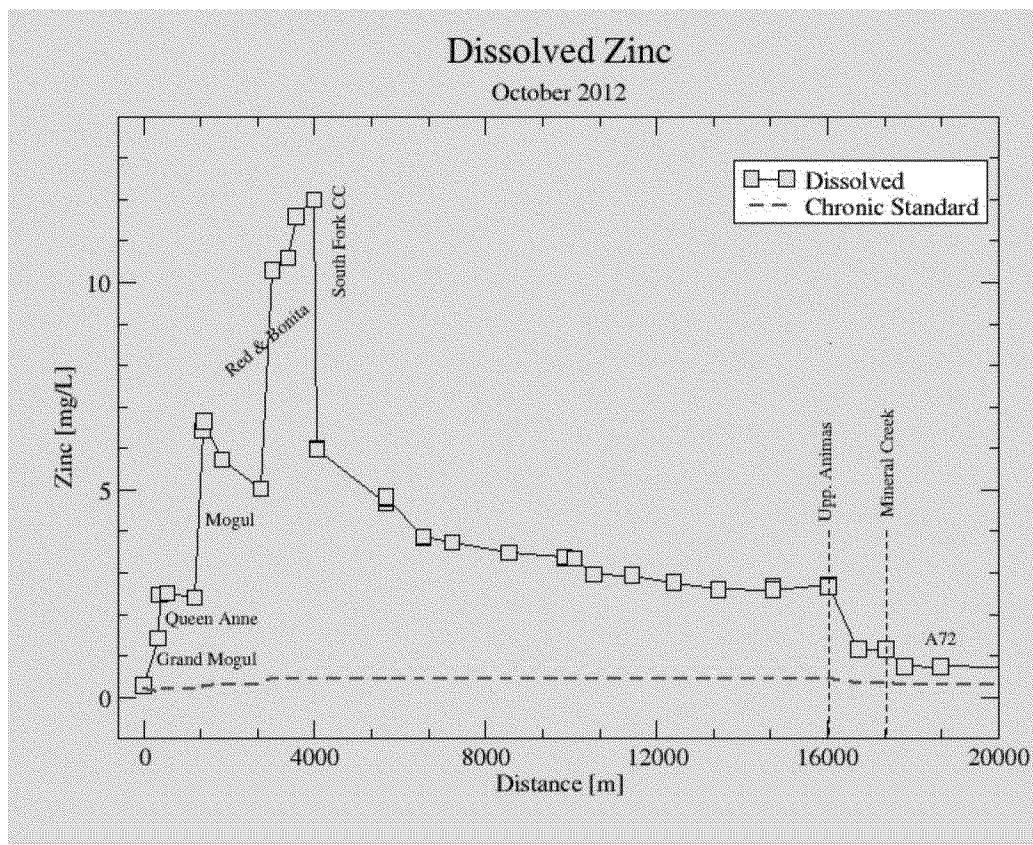
Mine Adit Discharge 2005 to 2011

Mine	Elevation (feet AMSL)	Bulkhead Install	Flow Rate (gpm)					
			July 2005	September 2005	October 2006	Average 2010	Average 2011	Oct 2012
Mogul (pH 3.5)	11,376	2003	21	27	11	54	56	90 (?)
Gold King 7 Level (pH 2.5 to 5)	11,386	None	42	135	314	206	140	55 – 85
<b>Red &amp; Bonita</b> (pH 6)	<b>10,893</b>	<b>None</b>	<b>210</b>	<b>224</b>	<b>233</b>	<b>216</b>	<b>319</b>	<b>202</b>
American Tunnel (pH 5)	10,540	1997 2001 2002	95	90	84	101	101	103

gpm – Gallons per minute.

# Part IV: Results

## Concentrations and Water Quality Standards



Above std, entire study reach:

Al, Cd, Zn

Above std, top to Cascade Cr:

Fe

Above std, Mogul to Mineral:

Mn

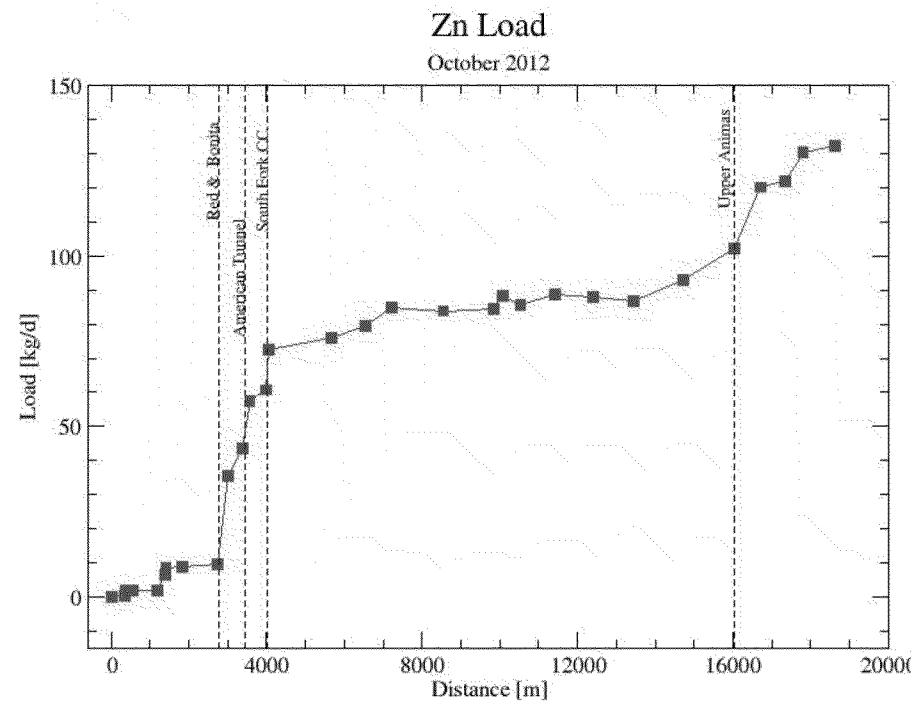
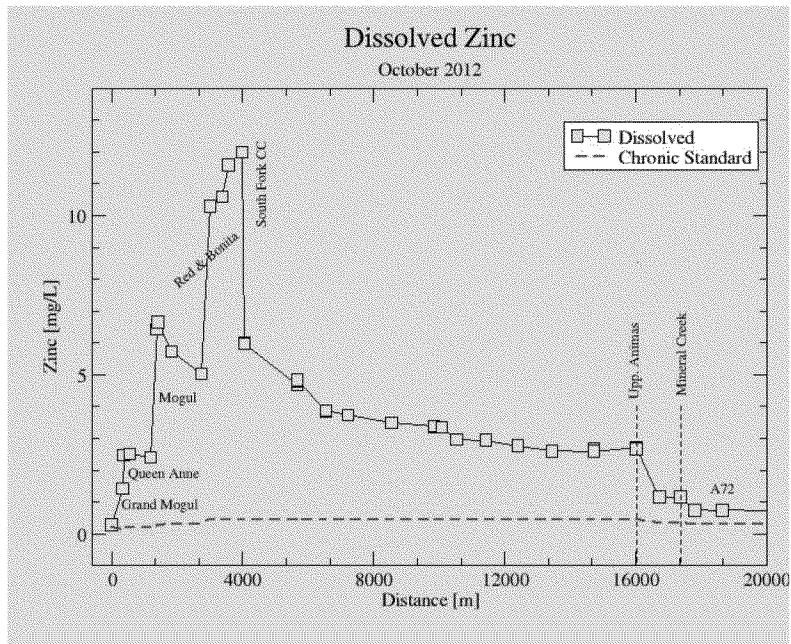
Above std, top to cement mouth:

Cu

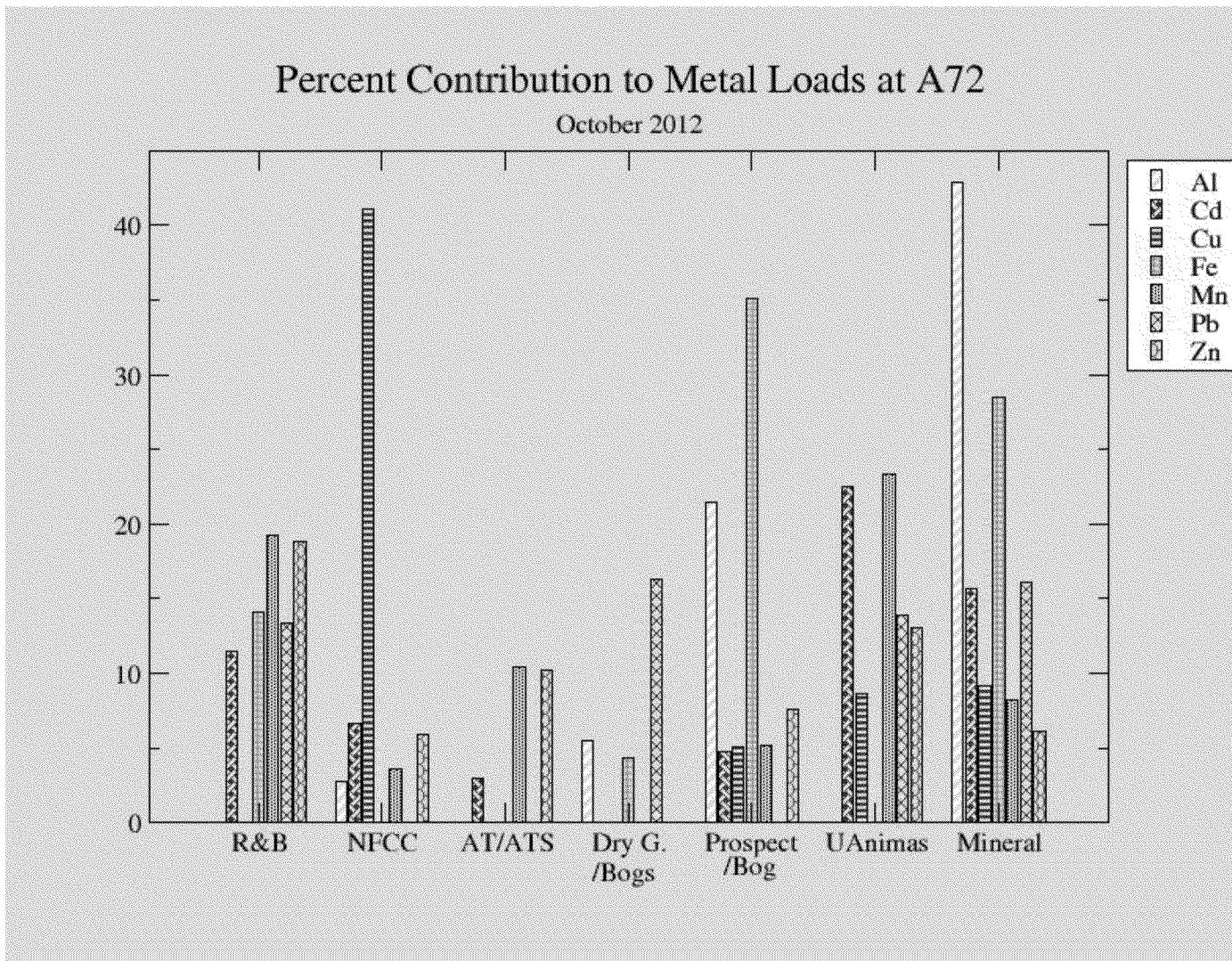
Above std, sub1 to cement mouth:

Pb

# Part IV: Results – Loads & Sources



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# Total Metals/pH/Flow (Oct 2012) - Animas R and Cement Ck

A72 (ug/l) below Silverton	CC48 (ug/l) above Animas R	A68 (ug/l) above CC confluence	CC03C (ug/l) Red n Bonita adit
Al = 2620	Al = 7670	Al = <100	Al = 4540
Cd = 2.12	Cd = 5.74	Cd = 1.51	Cd = 32.4
Pb = 4.77	Pb = 13.5	Pb = 3.42	Pb = 84.5
Zn = 726	Zn = 2560	Zn = 402	Zn = 16,100
pH = 5.98	pH = 3.4	pH = 7.42	pH = 5.31
Flow = 74	Flow = 14	Flow = 27	Flow = 0.45

# Adit Loading Analysis Conclusion

- Red and Bonita contributes approximately 18% of the Zn and 12% of the Cd load in Oct 2012 in the Animas at A72 (relative source contributions vary seasonally)
- The flow from Red and Bonita averages approximately 300 gpm and appears to have stabilized since the Am Tnnl plugs
- Zn and Cd are two of the primary contaminants of concern based on the Screening Level Ecological Risk Assessment
- No other single mine source contributes as much Zn in either Cement Ck or the Animas
- USGS reactive / transport modeling indicates that the Zn from R n B adit is conserved in transport to A72

# Red and Bonita Valve-Controlled Bulkhead Considerations

- Underground investigations indicate favorable rock conditions exist at 270 ft inby
- Mine workings evaluations indicate that the R n B is not connected to other mines
- Flow management of the R n B discharge would allow for direct observation of the effectiveness of adit source control options
- Contaminant concentration reduction the Animas would be near immediate and monitored over time to assess if other releases develop
- Seasonal release of mine water is possible as necessary if other discharge points are identified as a result the increased hydraulic head in the area
- Conveyance of mine water for potential water treatment is possible
- Adit stability is increased for the long term
- Gold King -7 Level investigation recommended concurrently